

January 1890, and was to arise directly out of her Co-operative work Mr Potter survived the crisis, and Beatrice, exhausted, was sent to London by her sister Kate, for a week's rest and recreation This, to her, meant the chance to fill in the historical background for her eaiher chapters In search of this, she applied to W E H Lecky, whose reply, however, led her nowhere She was on the look-out for another guide, when a friendly \\ornan journalist said,

"Sidney Webb, one of the Fabian essayists, is your man lie knows everything and when you go out for a walk with him, he literally pours out information "

An interview was arranged, on the spot, a list of souucs, drafted out then and there "in a faultless hanchvnting," was handed to her

"a few days later brought the first token of personal icgaid in the shape of a ne\\ly published pamphlet by the Fabian on the Rate of Interest, thus opening up a regular concspndtace "

His next parcel contained the poems of Rossetti **On** her next visit to London, in February, he dmted with hoi to meet the Charles Booths At Whitsun, they arc tuiveiling up to Glasgow together, for the Co-opeiatrve Congiess, and Vaughan Nash, also of the party, notes

"He is humbler than I have ever seen him before, quite a different tone "

In the evening, they walked together through the Glasgow streets under a glorious sunset sky, knocking up against drunken Scots

"With glory in the sky and hideous bestiality on

the Socialist Party, the two
Socialists came to a working compact "

Many meetings after that, a week-end at
Haslemen, he
staying with the Pearsall Smiths, she with
the Fxcdcnc